

Governor's Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs
March 7, 2008 Meeting Summary

The Governor's Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs held its March meeting at the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit with H. Sook Wilkinson, Ph.D. presiding. This meeting included a keynote speech by Rep. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D), District 022 and "Leadership Best Practices" presentations by Ms. Yuliya Gayadenko of Jewish Community Services of Flint, Ms. Maha Freij of ACCESS and Mr. Peter Wong of the Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce. Presentations were followed by a group dialogue on leadership best practices for organizations.

Mr. Tony Wong of The Arc Michigan spoke to the Council and the audience about the Michigan Developmental Disability Council and its diversity and inclusion initiatives. He invited everyone to attend an "Include All of Us" gathering scheduled for March 29 at the Chinese Community Center in Madison Heights.

The Council will hold a strategic planning retreat on April 4 in Detroit. There was no other business discussed.

The Governor's Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs was created by a May 2005, Executive Order (No.2005 – 10) from Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, to advise the Governor and the Department of Civil Rights on policy matters pertaining to Asian and Pacific Americans in Michigan. H. Sook Wilkinson, Ph.D, was appointed Chair of the Council, which was placed administratively inside the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. A copy of the Governor's Executive Order is available on the Governor's website at <http://www.michigan.gov/gov>.